

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 485
By Mumpower

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Dr. Gregory D. Jordan
on being named the 21st President of King
College in Bristol.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should
recognize those exemplary individuals whose intense dedication and hard work have had a
significant impact on the state of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gregory D. Jordan is one such outstanding citizen who is most certainly
deserving of special recognition; and

WHEREAS, on February 20, 1998, Dr. Gregory Jordan will be inaugurated as the 21st
President of King College in Bristol, an educational institution highly regarded for excellence;
and

WHEREAS, an internationally renowned Bible scholar, Dr. Gregory Jordan exemplifies
the spirit and dedication that is characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gregory Jordan received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Bible and
Religion from Belhaven College and his Master's degree in Old Testament from Trinity
Evangelical Divinity School; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Dr. Jordan received his Ph.D. from the Hebrew Union College-
Jewish Institute of Religion in Hebraic and Cognate Studies; and

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WHEREAS, Dr. Jordan became an ordained minister of the Presbyterian Church in 1979, serving with acumen as a member of the Holston Presbytery; and

WHEREAS, he has served as Minister of the Weaver Church and the Windsor Presbyterian Church in Bristol as well as the Mountain City Presbyterian Church in Mountain City; and

WHEREAS, he began his meritorious educational career as a professor in the Department of Bible and Religion at King College; and

WHEREAS, prior to his appointment as President of King College, Dr. Jordan has served in numerous administrative capacities, including Provost and Acting President, Acting Dean of Admissions, Vice President of Academic Affairs/Dean of the Faculty, Acting Dean of the Faculty, Chair of the Humanities Division and Chair of the Department of Bible and Religion; and

WHEREAS, during his remarkable tenure at King College, Dr. Jordan has donated his time and considerable talents to several committees, such as the Executive Committee, the Institutional Planning Committee, Chair of the Educational Policies Committee, Chair of the Academic Standards Committee, Chair of the Faculty Relations Committee, the Self-Study Committee for Re-accreditation with Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and the Admissions Committee; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Jordan served with alacrity as an adjunct professor of the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem, Israel; and

WHEREAS, he also served as a distinguished member of the Board of Directors of the Institute of Holy Land Studies in Jerusalem from 1985-1987; and

WHEREAS, his stellar tenure at King College has earned him numerous awards and accolades, including the Paul Harris Award, the Erna and Julius Krouch Scholarship, the Joseph and Helen Regenstein Fellowship and the S.H. Scheur Fellowship; and

WHEREAS, for four years, Dr. Jordan received the Teaching Award, voted on by the students of King College, for his exemplary efforts as Faculty Lecturer; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Gregory Jordan is an esteemed member of the Society of Biblical Literature, the American Society of Oriental Research and the Institute of Biblical Research; and

WHEREAS, he also is a member of numerous professional organizations, including the Coalition for Christian Colleges and Universities, the Appalachia College Association, the Council of Independent Colleges, the Wheaton Archaeology Conference, the Biennial Convention of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, the Middle East Task Force of the Holston Presbytery and the Princeton Theological Seminary; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Dr. Gregory Jordan is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his charming wife, Sally Bruce Franze Jordan, and their three delightful children, Benjamin Edward Doty Jordan, Gregory Samuel Bruce Jordan and Jonathan Kirkland Thomas Jordan; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should recognize the outstanding service this remarkable gentleman has rendered to our state, now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and commend Dr. Gregory Jordan for his remarkable contributions to his community and to this state, and congratulate him on becoming the 21st President of King College.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.